PRESS RELEASE

Media Conference – First Week in the field of Population Census

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In the premises of the Kosovo Agency of Statistics (KAS), a Media Conference was held regarding the progress of work in the field since the beginning of the Population Census (CeKos 2024) on 5 April, 2024.

Acting Chief Executive of KAS, Mr. Avni Kastrati, said that "The Population Census Process in Kosovo began on April 5 and will last until May 17, 2024. The Population Census Process is being developed according to plan. These days, the staff in the field has developed a planned activity (notification with the enumeration area, distribution of informational and contact materials to households, and conducting several interviews in households). Currently, over 90% of the staff who have been requested as Enumerators and 98% of the Supervisors are in the field during these days. There are some challenges with the Serbian community in some parts, but we hope that in the coming days they will change in order to be part of this major project".

Further, he said that "As for the equipment, they are at a high level and seem to be very functional, we have not encountered any challenging problems. Meanwhile, other aids such as digital maps are also at the level and so far, they are functioning according to the plan".

"Also, the system is working well, which has been a concern for these first days. The monitoring and control system has also been developed and is functional with all capacities. From now on, it is expected that the development of interviews will intensify as foreseen by a dynamic plan", said Mr. Kastrati.

During these days, interviews were conducted with all communities.

Mr. Kastrati called on every citizen of Kosovo from any community to participate in the Census, as it is in the interest of each individual, each enumeration area, settlement, municipality, including central institutions, because the Census, in addition to being a civic obligation, is a legal obligation. The goal is not to penalize citizens, but participation is necessary to have better services and non-enumeration will mean non-delivery of services.

Then, during the Conference, a presentation was made by Mr. Burim Limolli, head of IT at KAS, about the monitoring of Enumerators in the field and about the number of interviews conducted during these days. Meanwhile, Prof. Mazllum Baraliu also spoke about the legal side of the Census.

The Kosovo Agency of Statistics (KAS) will hold a Media Conference every Monday throughout the entire period of the Population Census in the field.